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IN THE CLAIMS:

Claims 1 - 22 (canceled).

23. (new) A mount for a tool to drive fasteners in installing tongue and groove flooring strips on a subfloor, the fasteners being driven through the strips from above the tongue and into the subfloor, the tool mount comprising:

a base to rest on the subfloor adjacent a flooring strip to be installed, the base having a center plate with an upper surface inclined with respect to the subfloor and an under surface generally parallel with the subfloor, and a pair of side plates, one on either side of the center plate and extending generally at a right angle to the subfloor;

a tool carrier plate slidable on the upper surface of the center plate to adjust the position of a tool carried thereon vertically with respect to the subfloor and the flooring strip;

a lateral spacer plate slidable below the center plate, having an end for engagement with the flooring strip to position the tool mount and the tool carrier on the tool carrier plate laterally with respect to the flooring strip; and

a fastener securing the side plates to the center plate and clamping the tool carrier plate and the spacer plate in their adjusted positions, to locate the tool carrier adjacent the flooring strip and above the tongue to drive a fastener through the flooring strip and into the subfloor.

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24. (new) The tool mount of claim 23 in which the tool carrier plate has an under surface slidable on the upper surface of the center plate and an upper surface at an acute angle with respect to the under surface thereof, the tool being carried on the upper surface of the tool carrier plate.

25. (new) The tool mount of claim 24 wherein the acute angle between the surfaces of the tool carrier plate plus the angle of inclination between the surfaces of the center plate equal substantially 45° .

26. (new) The tool mount of claim 24 wherein the angle between the surfaces of the tool carrier plate is of the order of 25° and the angle of inclination between the surfaces of the center plate is of the order of 20° .

27. (new) The tool mount of claim 23 in which the side plates have mating surfaces with the edges of the tool carrier and lateral spacer plates which mating surfaces and plate edges are rough to enhance clamping of the tool carrier and lateral spacer plates by the side plates.

28. (new) The tool mount of claim 23 with guides between the center plate and the tool carrier plate and lateral spacer plate, respectively.

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29. (new) The tool mount of claim 28 in which each guide comprises a dove tail rib and a mating slot on adjacent surfaces.

30. (new) The tool mount of claim 23 with stops limiting movement of the tool carrier plate and the lateral spacer plate, respectively, with respect to said base.

31. (new) The tool mount of claim 30 in which each of said stops comprises a pin received in a mating slot.

32. (new) A mount for a tool to drive fasteners in installing flooring strips on a subfloor, comprising:

a base to rest on the subfloor for movement adjacent a flooring strip to be installed and to locate a tool carried thereon adjacent the flooring strip to be installed, to drive fasteners through the flooring strip and into the subfloor; and

a wand extending upwardly from the base and laterally away from the flooring strip, to be pushed by the operator to move the tool mount against and along the flooring strip.

33. (new) The tool mount of claim 32 in which said wand extends upwardly at an angle of the order of 45° and away from the flooring strip at an angle of the order of 45° .